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Reference Bonn 2940, rptd Paris 587, London 487, Munich 113.

Kersten requested and today had meeting with Krekeler and Kessel.

Department representatives present. Kersten urged Federal Cabinet reconsider decision. Stressed his Committee not QTE investigating UNQTE but simply sought effectively to publicize Communist actions as were US and German information media. Would reluctantly accept executive hearings with tape recordings witnesses statements in place of public hearings.

Germans stressed Federal Republic desire to assist fight against Communism every way possible. Explained that delays and uncertainties EDC and Contractuals made Chancellor's position particularly difficult at this time and therefore Government greatly concerned fact of holding hearings would provide ammunition for charges from East and from opponents in Germany that Federal Republic puppet of US. Also described hazards in fashion similar to Munich 194 (rptd Bonn 71, Paris 23, London 43). Said would cable Kersten's request to Bonn and ~~request~~ instructions.

Will keep you advised.

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